



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

PET PREPAREDNESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Through the years, pets have provided a sense of safety and companionship to individuals and families throughout the State of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Ensuring that emergency plans are in place for our furry family members is an essential responsibility of all Georgia pet owners. When disaster strikes, it is up to pet owners to ensure that their pets are out of harm's way; and
- WHEREAS:** It is important for Georgians to make an emergency plan that includes pets and prepare a pet disaster-preparedness kit with essentials such as their food, water, favorite toy, and extra items including medications; and
- WHEREAS:** Knowing where the nearest pet friendly hotels and/or shelters are ahead of a potential evacuation can influence which routes to take; and
- WHEREAS:** It is critical that effective public education campaigns concerning pet safety and preparedness procedures continue for the benefit of all Georgia animals; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency maintains an ambitious and proactive "Ready Georgia" public relations campaign to help Georgia's residents comprehend emergency preparedness and provide them with the tools necessary prepare for potential emergencies; and
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 2019 as PET PREPAREDNESS MONTH in Georgia and encourage all citizens to educate themselves and others about preparing pets for all emergencies.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 4th day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Terry K. Fleming

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